



## 205th MI conducts medical evacuation training

Soldiers from HHD, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde., load a simulated patient onto an UH-60 Black Hawk during a medical evacuation training exercise at Fort Shafter Flats, March 20. The training provided realistic hands-on experience for the Soldiers.

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FORT SHAFTER — Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, 500th MI Brigade, partnered with an aircrew from Company C, 3rd General Aviation Support Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Bde., to conduct aerial medical evacuation training, here, March 20.

The “Pacific Vigilance” Bn. demonstrated its commitment to realistic, hands-on, integrated and fully resourced training.

“By coordinating with the aviation unit to bring in rotary wing aircraft, we are able to enhance our readiness and incorporate real hands-on training as opposed to using mock ups or simulated training aids,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael R. Lukowski, detachment noncommissioned officer in charge. “This gives us more realistic training.”

“I believe that doing hands-on training helps you learn better,” said Pvt. Peter Tibbetts, wheeled vehicle mechanic. “It helps get everyone focused and excited about the training event.”

It isn’t everyday that Soldiers get to train with



An aircrew from Co. C, 3rd General ASB, 25th CAB, lands a UH-60 Black Hawk on an athletic field on Fort Shafter Flats, March 20. The crew arrives at the request of HHD, 205th MI “Pacific Vigilance” Bn., 500th MI Bde., in order to provide more realistic medical evacuation training and familiarize the intelligence troops with medevac procedures.

a UH-60 Black Hawk.

“We were doing medical evacuation training, and after sending up a 9-line medevac request, the helicopter came and landed,” said Tibbetts. “We were able to talk to the crew and ask questions about their experiences.”

In addition to the Soldiers, the pilots and crew of the Black Hawk also benefited from the training.

“There is a mutual benefit to training events like these,” said Capt. Christopher Y. Chung, air medical pilot and platoon leader, Charlie Co.,

3-25th Avn. “We get to meet with the Soldiers and land our aircraft at the training areas that the Soldiers have available.”

Practicing landing on training sites allows pilots to get a feel for the area.

“The more we see of the island, the better prepared and more comfortable we will be if we have to go to that location in case of an emergency,” said Chung. “It’s good for Soldiers and commanders to get an understanding of the capabilities offered by the aircraft and what we can provide.”

Chung and his unit have conducted multiple training events in order to maintain flight status and proficiency.

“We have performed different training missions,” said Chung. “We have trained with the Navy, conducting deck landing qualifications, so we can land on Navy ships and help Sailors. We also conducted over water hoist missions with the Marines.”

Soldiers of the 205th now have a better understanding of what is expected from the Soldiers on the ground and what they can expect from the medevac crew.

## AKO email goes offline this week

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WASHINGTON — Since the late 1990s, the Army has hosted email functionality for Soldiers on the “Army Knowledge Online” website, known as AKO for short.

Most of that email functionality ended March 31.

On Tuesday, the Army shut that capability off.

“There are only a small group of individuals still using AKO email,” said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ricardo Pina, the chief technology officer with Army CIO/G6. “It’s about 17,000 people.”

As a result of the change, those users will no longer be able to log into

AKO and read or send email. But if those users are still getting email sent to their @us.army.mil account, that email can be forwarded to their “DOD Enterprise Email” address — the one that ends with @mail.mil.

The email forwarding functionality is expected to last until June 30, 2015. The Army will shut the forwarding off at that time.

Pina said the Army made the decision to shut off AKO email, in part, because DEE email is far less expensive. Additionally, he said, AKO email was originally intended to be the only email that Soldiers used, but that proved to not be the case. Many Army users, he said, had additional government

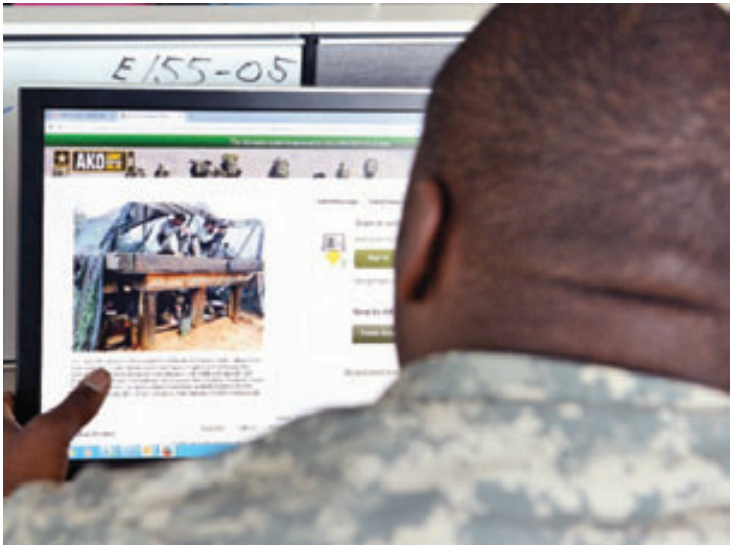
email addresses.

“Some people had three or more,” he said, “so it just wasn’t efficient to maintain email that way.”

### Future of AKO

AKO does much more than provide email capability, Pina said. It also provides collaboration, files storage and white pages functionality. Those capabilities are not going away, he said, though the Army is looking for better solutions to provide that functionality.

“The Army is working on something called ‘Unified Capabilities,’” he said. “When we have the UC solution, that will basically do away with a need to maintain them from AKO.”



J.D. Leipold, Army News Service

A Soldier opens the Army Knowledge Online website, Monday, to try and check his AKO email one last time.

## USACE Regulatory ramps up outreach

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS-  
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News Release

FORT SHAFTER — In a continuing effort to help the people of Hawaii and the Pacific, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu Dis-



Maj. Brennan Wallace, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District

Shelly Lynch, chief of USACE-HD Regulatory Branch, briefs members of SAME about the Corps’ Regulatory Program, March 11.

trict is increasing the number of outreach workshops it holds about the Corps’ regulatory program and how to best work with USACE regulators.

The workshops inform regulators, government officials, contractors and the general public about the program, and especially how the Corps processes permit applications, according to Shelly Lynch, chief of the District’s Regulatory Branch.

*The USACE-HD Regulatory Program is committed to protecting the nation’s aquatic resources.*

Lynch recently briefed members of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) at the Hale Ikena, here. The briefing provided valuable information about the regulatory process to district stakeholders.

Lynch also briefed the General Contractors Association in Mapunapuna. More outreach events are planned.

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## Changes coming to ‘use or lose’

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WASHINGTON — The temporary authority allowing Soldiers to carry over 75 days of leave from one fiscal year into the next will expire, Sept. 30.

Most Soldiers will only be allowed to carry 60 days of leave into the next fiscal year.

Soldiers will lose it, if they don’t use it by Oct. 1, Army personnel officials said of leave in excess of 60 days, unless special leave accrual, or SLA, applies.

SLA allows Soldiers who have served in a mission where they were eligible for hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay for a continuous period of at least 120 days to accrue leave. Under SLA, Soldiers can accumulate a maximum of 120 days of leave (60 days of ordinary leave, plus 60 days of SLA).

Soldiers who meet the SLA provisions can still carry forward up to 120 days leave, if their leave and earnings statement, also known as the LES, has 60 days of leave coded as SLA, and the LES remarks block shows “Combat Zone Leave Carryover Balance” with its expiration date.

“Each Soldier has an individual responsibility to monitor and manage their leave,” officials said in an all Army activities, or ALARACT, message, dated March 1.

The 75-day carry-over authority began with the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, authorizing a two-year temporary authority. Since then, Congress has extended the authority twice, adding four consecutive years. The 2016 National Defense Authorization Act is not expected to extend the authority, officials said.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is in the process of emailing a notice to all Soldiers projected to have more than 60 days accrued leave on Sept. 30, officials said. DFAS will continue to include monthly notices on Soldiers’ LESs that state “Important: Manage your leave. On Oct. 1, 2015, you will lose all accrued leave over 60 days, unless SLA applies.”

Currently, DFAS software hasn’t been updated to use 60 days in the use/lose computation; therefore, all LESs will understate the use/lose balance by 15 days.

DFAS is making the necessary system changes to correct that error, officials said, and they estimate the fix will be completed by June.

The recent ALARACT echoes DOD guidance that commanders should continue to monitor the leave of their service members, and encourage them to use any accrued leave days that exceed the 60-day carry-over limit.





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# Nat’l Prayer Breakfast focuses on virtues

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Army community gathered at the Nehelani for the annual U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii National Prayer Breakfast, March 25.

In the opening remarks, Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, U.S. Army-Pacific commander, welcomed those in attendance and urged them to enjoy each other’s fellowship and reflect on the things that matter the most.

“We prepare ourselves mentally and emotionally to do the jobs we need to do, (but) we need to be equally fit spiritually,” he said.

Maj. Gen. Donald L. Rutherford, 23rd chief of chaplains, U.S. Army, and ordained priest of the Diocese of Albany, delivered the morning’s keynote address.

He alluded to the challenges and uncertainties facing today’s Army, but said he was positive they could be overcome if the Army continued to work together toward a common purpose and moved forward with hope, not fear.

“There’s a great quote from Deuteronomy, the very first chapter,” he said. “Deuteronomy writes, ‘The Lord is the one that goes ahead of us. He will be with us, he will not fail us, he will not forsake us.’ Because the Lord precedes us, we can go forward with a sense of hope, never with a sense of fear of what may come in the future.”

He then went on to share the four principles that he said have helped him to serve as a chaplain in the Army.

**Humility**  
“Humility is what Army leadership is built on,” he told the audience. “We are humble leaders.”

He said he learned this lesson when, as a young Soldier, he felt it necessary to fight for every cause that seemed important to him until he was counseled that it wasn’t always necessary.

“Being prophetic is a nice thing, but is rare, and I needed to listen for understanding. That’s what I really needed to do,” he said, adding, “Maturity is not a function of age, but rather a combination of humility and purpose.”

As a reminder, he said, he keeps on his desk a sign that reads, “A closed mouth gathers no feet.”

**Trust**  
Rutherford showed the audience a picture of a “panicked paratrooper” given to him by one of his sergeants major. The paratrooper has a look of fear on his face and “is doing just about everything wrong,” Rutherford explained.

“This reminds me of two things,” he said. “One, of the great junior enlisted NCOs that I’ve had the privilege to work with, who (have) guided and helped me, who I’ve learned from over the years. The second thing, it shows me about the ability to trust ... to trust people and trust

the training that are given to us by our great NCOs.”

Instead of panicking and over-thinking, he said, Soldiers should trust the training they receive.

“Everything we accomplish is a direct result of how we were trained. Good young officers become good senior officers and were trained by really good sergeants. So trust is a very important thing to do. Be humble and trust.”

**Leadership**  
The Army needs responsible, adaptable, collaborative leadership, Rutherford said. This type of leadership is built on the strength of relationships.

“Leaders should guide and advocate for peers and subordinates,” he said. “The heart of being a Soldier is developing relationships. A person’s success is based on developing relationships.

“Leaders have to continually think of new ways to get their jobs done, lead their subordinates. Relationships made now can sustain you in the future,” he added.

**Identity**  
Finally, Rutherford reminded the audience to remain true to themselves and their values.

“The Army has shaped my identity, but it hasn’t defined me,” he said. “I will continue in my vocation, continue to serve God and my country. I have a grateful heart for having the opportunity



**Maj. Gen. Donald L. Rutherford, 23rd chief of chaplains, speaks at the annual National Prayer Breakfast.**

ty to serve so many great NCOs, officers and leaders like you.”

Rutherford said he’d continue to nurture the relationships he has developed. He urged others in the Army to do the same, whether they remain in the Army or transition to civilian life.

“What’s important is your community, your family, your relationships. You can have the best career in the world, but if you don’t have the support of friends and family, you have nothing at all. You don’t have a future.

“And always remember, it is the heart of the Army that is always your family,” he said.

# 500th MI hosts Chaplain Resiliency luncheon

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 500th Military Intelligence Brigade Unit Ministry Team (UMT) hosted a Chaplain Resiliency Prayer “BBQ” luncheon to provide Soldiers, family members, contractors and Department of the Army civilians a time to come together in fellowship and discuss “What Matters,” here, March 27.

The brigade’s “Health of the Command” initiative for this fiscal year is all about “What Matters” — you matter, your words matter, relationships matter and actions matter.

The luncheon focused on those initiatives by having guest speakers, posters and themed messages on the tables in the pavilion.

“The luncheon kicked off with a few words from the brigade chaplain (Maj. Moras) and our victim advocate, Staff Sgt. Mandy Walskey,” said Sgt. Gabrielle T. Smuk, information systems specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 500th MI Bde. (“Walskey” discussed the third and fourth quarter focus for the ‘What Matters’ theme and tied them into the sexual harassment report-



**From left, Spc. Paul Sneed, Spc. Matthew T. Herfort and Pvt. Omar Hernandez, HHD, 500th MI Bde., barbecue for the Chaplain Resiliency Prayer Luncheon, March 27. The “Vanguard” team came together while reflecting on the Health of Command and its “What Matters” initiative.**

ing and prevention program, along with the Army’s Ready and Resilient Campaign.”

The Army has various programs that are designed to help Soldiers and families get through the rigors of Army life, but sometimes all you need is a grill and somewhere to gather.

“Events like these are important because they bring the Soldiers, civilians and the families together to put empha-

sis on things that are normally overlooked,” said Smuk. “We all lead hectic lives and worry about our mission so much that we forget to take time to decompress and interact with those around us.”

Being able to get past the mission and have a conversation with your teammates can have profound positive effects.

“I think it affects everyone throughout

the ranks positively,” said Smuk. “You’re sitting down to lunch with people you see every day and building a relationship with them. You’re building trust without knowing it.”

**Trust in a relationship is very important**

“In any relationship, personal or work related, establishing communication and trust are key,” said Smuk. “You just don’t function properly without the two, and the same goes for the unit. It won’t function properly if the ranks within have zero communication and trust.”

During the luncheon, the “Vanguard” team built trust, reinforced relationships and played spades and dominoes.

“It’s good to have balance,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Dayron I. Vargas, senior enlisted adviser, 500th MI. “Because of the operations tempo of the unit and how hard we work, it is good to come out and share a meal, play cards and relieve stress.”

The brigade and the UMT conduct events quarterly that place emphasis on the Health of the Command initiatives.

The event exemplified the Health of the Command focus on what matters and got folks out of the office to share camaraderie.

## FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

# Squirrels and spring remind us Easter is a time of renewal

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A joke is told about squirrels that overran three churches in the United Kingdom.

The vicars had tried everything to remove them.

The wardens of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God’s will? However, the squirrels continued to multiply.

The second church’s wardens had decided that they could not harm any of God’s creatures, so they purchased some humane traps, caught the miscreants and set them free outside of town. Several days later, the

squirrels returned, much to the parish council’s horror.

It was only the third church that succeeded in keeping the intruders away. The vicar baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

That humorous story highlights the common occurrence of much higher attendance numbers in places of Christian worship during special holy days like Easter.

What is it about Easter that seems to summon some devotion even from the ranks of the uncommitted? Simply put, Easter Sunday, on the heels of Good Friday, commemorates two of the holiest events in the Bible.

Good Friday is celebrated by Christian

worshippers in remembrance of Jesus Christ’s sufferings and death for the forgiveness of sins, which occurred on a Friday early in the 1st century.

As the story is told in the Gospel accounts of the New Testament, on the first day of the week following his death, Jesus rose bodily from the dead and appeared to his closest disciples. Over the next 40 days, he appeared to over 500 eyewitnesses. Since then, he continues to be worshipped by Christians as the risen Savior who conquered sin and death on their behalf.

Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant churches have different points of emphasis and traditions that have developed over the centuries in their observance of this celebration. Yet, all welcome the opportunity to proclaim the resurrection of Christ to newcomers that fill their pews.

For Christians, it is appropriate for

this holy day to occur in springtime. The weather warms, the ground thaws, gardens are planted, harvests are prepared, and for many, a sense of hope for a better future is kindled.

This newfound hope lies at the heart of the Christian message to a watching world. The apostle Peter said it this way as recorded in his letter found in the New Testament:

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*

— 1 Peter 1:3

In a world filled with chaos and confusion, that living hope still lives and marches on, finding new hearts and souls to live in every year.

May this be the year that you and many more encounter that living hope.



Herden

# Voices of Ohana

In support of Earth Day

## How can we reduce our carbon footprint?

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“We could be more resourceful by using what we have and not what we do not need.”

**HM2 Anthony Chow**  
Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, TAMC



“Paperless hospital.”

**Sgt. Peter Guidry**  
Medic, Family Medicine Green Team, TAMC



“Keep your cars maintained, do not throw rubbish around and separate your recyclables.”

**Uilani Hornos**  
Medical data technician, Radiology, TAMC



“More computer-based methods to back up our computers, instead of using paper.”

**Penny Powell-Coleman**  
Medical technician, Blood Donor Center, Pathology, TAMC



“Recycling, public transportation and solar powered systems, and eco-friendly cars or carpooling.”

**Spc. Jennalyn Reyes**  
Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, TAMC



# Sequestration would force involuntary separations

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WASHINGTON — Dropping the Army’s end strength to 450,000 would require the involuntary separation of about 14,000 Soldiers, the Army’s vice chief of staff told lawmakers.

Gen. Daniel B. Allyn testified, March 25, before the Senate Armed Services subcommittee on readiness. He warned that sequestration would have a detrimental effect on the force.

“It will increase significantly the involuntary separation of officer and noncommissioned leaders who have steadfastly served their country through the last 13 years of war,” Allyn said. “Sequestration will undermine readiness, ultimately putting Soldiers’ lives and our mission success at risk.”

It would require the involuntary separation of about 2,000 Soldiers per year – both officers



Allyn

and NCOs, Allyn said.

In fiscal year 2014, the Army was forced to involuntarily separate about 2,100 Soldiers. Just more than 50 percent of those Soldiers had served two or more combat tours, he said.

“These are Soldiers who answered the call, multiple times, to meet the requirements that the nation had,” Allyn said.

Separating those Soldiers was not a choice the Army wanted to make, he said.

“This is a budget-driven requirement,” he said. “Treating those veterans of multiple combat tours with dignity and respect is our absolute No. 1 commitment.

“Our objective in notifying people who were forward-deployed was to give them the maximum amount of time possible to prepare,” he said.

The goal was to allow them a minimum of 10 months to prepare for employment.

### FY16 Budget

The budget request for next year is \$5.1 billion less than what the Army had for FY14, Allyn said.

“We are funded to achieve just enough readiness for immediate consumption, but are unable to generate the readiness required to respond to an unknown contingency,” he said.

Units have been forced to cut back on home-station training, due to lack of funding, Allyn said. As a result, units are now expected to arrive at combat training centers not fully ready.

Sequestration in FY16 would further impact the Army’s ability to maintain installation readiness and protect the industrial base, he said.

“Sequestration will degrade the industrial base’s ability to sustain the lifecycle readiness of warfighting equipment while also maintaining the ability to surge to meet future demands,” he said.

For the Army to achieve its required readiness level in FY16, it must be allowed to initiate compensation reform, base realignment and closure, and the Aviation Restructuring Initiative, Allyn told the senators.

The Aviation Restructuring Initiative will eliminate 700 aircraft from active force and 111 from the reserve components, Allyn said, and it will save \$12 billion.

### Afghanistan

The Army’s vice chief of staff visited Afghanistan in February, he told senators. In Kandahar, he visited Regional Command-South, and in Bagram, the 3rd Infantry Division in RC-East.

At that time, the commands were preparing to drawdown their numbers to meet required end-strength. That was before President Barack Obama, March 24, said that 9,800 U.S. troops would remain in Afghanistan until at least the end of the year.

To meet the drawdown requirement, Allyn said the ratio of Soldiers to contractors had been decreased to a “razor’s edge of risk” in Afghanistan.

“We had contractors doing that which Soldiers need to do to assure the security of our forces,” Allyn said.

Afghan forces also still rely on U.S. assistance when it comes to aviation and close air support, Allyn said. Those are capabilities not yet developed sufficiently by the Afghan forces.

Afghan forces continue to need help building up their sustainment capability as well, he said.

## Congress told Army reducing civilian strength

### Chief of Staff says budget cuts do not support global security environment

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WASHINGTON — Reducing civilian end strength so it’s commensurate with the draw-down of Soldiers is something the Army has been focusing on, but it’s still a work in progress, noted Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh.

McHugh and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno testified, March 26, at a House Appropriations Committee, the Defense subcommittee hearing, on Army posture.

“There’s lots of pressure on the services to reduce civilian end strength, and we do believe the Fourth Estate – what we call the rest of the Department of Defense outside of the services – absolutely needs to be looked at in terms of growth,” Odierno told lawmakers.

of (sequestration).”

The lawmaker then acknowledged that the Army did in fact shed 47,048 civilian employees recently.

### Reasons for civilian growth

Much of that civilian growth over the last decade was predicated on several things, McHugh said.

“We were at war and ... because of the demand in-theater,” he explained.

Many of the jobs taken on by Army civilians and contractors were previously held by those in uniform, he noted.

Through “some actions by Congress, we’ve been required to do a number of things that substantially increased civilian numbers,” he said. “For example, there’s a provision in law that inherently military activities must be in-sourced and can’t be contracted out.”

For example, the Army had to downsize its procurement and contracting officers after the Government Accountability Office found that

Summing up, McHugh said, “We have a responsibility to balance our military reductions with our civilian reductions, and we’re attempting to do that, and over time, I think we’ll get there. We can then hopefully reinvest those savings in military-based programs.”

Odierno said that Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter “pledged to take a hard look” at drawing down the Fourth Estate.

When Carter was deputy defense secretary in 2013, he discussed the Fourth Estate at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

A DOD News release reported Carter’s remarks: “We are placing a great emphasis on reducing the cost of what we in the Pentagon call the ‘Fourth Estate,’ which ... represents a fifth of the Department’s budget, and it merits at least as much scrutiny as the military services’ budgets. There are real savings to be realized here.”

Carter added that DOD must “drive down tail to strengthen tooth.”

### More openings for women

Regarding the topic of female Soldiers, Odierno said, “We are modernizing the force and maximizing talent by opening more than 55,000 positions to women and are assessing the potential for opening as many as 166,000 additional positions across the force.”

The Army is still in the process of doing studies regarding opening up positions to women, he said. Those studies are focusing on physical standards and impacts of gender integration across training, recruiting and other areas.

The integration studies include looking at what it takes to integrate women into “some organizations and setting them up for success,” Odierno said, adding that he wants to ensure the process and requirements are fair for all Soldiers. “We don’t want to create more un-readiness” than there already is due to the budget constraints. “So it has to be managed properly.”

The Army is set to open up the engineer field to women, “but has not yet made a determination on armor and infantry,” the chief said. “We’re still finishing up that assessment and expect it to be completed in the September time frame.”

McHugh added that the Army’s goal is to set all Soldiers up for success and place them where they’re best suited, male or female.

“It’s our bedrock principle,” McHugh said.

While much of the focus has been on whether women can meet certain physical requirements in some military occupational specialties, McHugh offered that by some estimates, “about 10 percent of men currently in (certain) military occupational specialties will probably have to think about being reclassified because they’re unlikely to meet those standards.”

## IMCOM leaders set 2025 sights

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News Release

SAN ANTONIO — U.S. Army Installation Management Command top leaders held a conference, here, for garrison commanders and command sergeants major to set a collective course for IMCOM 2025 and Beyond.

The two-day conference included straight talk on IMCOM policy changes, panel discussions on Dept. of the Army initiatives and guest speakers all tied to the command’s mission of enabling readiness.

“We’re a member of the combined arms team, a critical element of readiness,” Lt. Gen. David Halverson, IMCOM commander, told his region and garrison leaders. “With one voice, we have to be able to articulate IMCOM’s importance to senior mission commanders and let them know that IMCOM is the right investment.”

Through sound business decision-making, innovative partnerships and implementation of IMCOM 2025 and Beyond strategic design, the command is investing in itself – developing the agility and flexibility to be responsive to the Army’s needs today and in the future, Halverson said.

Couched in a theme of seasonal change, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Katherine Hammack, addressed the challenges of developing, defending and executing budgets in the current austere fiscal climate.

“We have to weigh risks daily,” Hammack said. “What’s acceptable loss? Compare loss of life to buildings that decay a little faster ... grass that grows a little higher? Gen. Halverson and I are okay with the grass growing higher if it means that the troops are trained, ready and properly equipped.”

Change is the solution, according to Hammack, and it comes in the form of repurpose and realignment.

“The best thing a community can do is embrace (Base Realignment and Closure),” she said. “The alternative is a ghost town, but through BRAC there is the potential for reorganization and repurpose. Our strategy is to increase the resiliency of our bases.”

Hammack also suggested cost savings through community partnerships and green energy initiatives, like solar power, and repurposing structures instead of leaving them empty.

“The Army is going to have to adjust. IMCOM is going to have to adjust,” Halverson said. “That’s where the human dimension comes in. People are our greatest capability.”



Staff Sgt. Steve Cortez, Army News Service

**Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno testify at a House Appropriations Committee, the Defense subcommittee Army posture hearing.**

DOD defines the Fourth Estate as defense agencies, field activities and some other entities not falling under one of the services or under a combatant command.

The remarks were in response to comments by a lawmaker that “the ratio of civilian employees to active duty personnel is at historic levels,” meaning the number of civilians relative to uniformed personnel has gone up.

“Bringing that ratio down to the historic norm would save the Defense Department \$82.5 billion over the next five years,” the congressman calculated. “All these savings could be reinvested to alleviate the impacts

“we didn’t have enough civilian overseers and were relying too heavily on weapons contractors,” he said.

Those factors “explain the growth in large measure,” he said.

Since 2011, the Army civilian workforce has been drawn down some 14 percent, McHugh said, adding that “we’ve done some analysis (showing if or when) active end strength reaches 450,000, we’d have to continue to come down to about 239,000 civilians.

And, should sequestration occur, that will bring the needed drawdown of civilians to about 233,000, he said.



# OCSJX-15 enters next phase at Schofield Barracks

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**AIR FORCE TECH. SGT. ROBERT BARNETT**  
Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise 2015  
Public Affairs Cell

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Part B of Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise 2015 (OCSJX-15) began, here, March 24.

Part B exercises the Joint Theater Support Contracting Command (JTSCC), which coordinates contracting actions and assists OCS analysis in an operational environment.

“We transitioned the leadership structure of the contracting organization from lead service for contracting coordination to a joint theater support contracting command,” said Col. Kevin Nash, commander, 413th Contracting Support Brigade.

When the scale, duration and complexity of a contracting mission require increased coordination, a JTSCC may be used, Nash said.

Part B of the exercise is unique from Part A, which took place at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The first part focused at the tactical level, whereas the second concentrated on the operational and strategic levels with the JTSCC and contracting command integration.

The goals of OCSJX-15 are training contracting and non-contracting members in OCS planning and execution, increasing senior leader awareness and involvement in OCS, and improving OCS capabilities, such as contract support integration, contracting support and contractor



**Sgt. 1st Class Christina Kidwell (center) helps Erica Talley, left, and Kazzandra Dexter with their M-4 carbines, March 25. Kidwell is a contracting specialist stationed at 413th CSB; Talley is a contracting specialist and officer stationed at Albuquerque District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Dexter is a contracting specialist stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.**

management.

“OCSJX-15 provides contracting professionals training to execute the mission and implement Operational Contract Support,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Wright, 413th CSB. “As contracting professionals, our utilization of commercial

enterprise supports the warfighter directly impacting meals, living conditions, transportation or other logistical and maintenance support.”

More integration and continued improvement will result in OCS becoming a routine part of planning, said Wright.



**Air Force 2nd Lt. Erin Conley moves her team during dismounted counter-improvised explosive device training, March 25. Conley is a contracting specialist stationed at Misawa Air Base, Japan.**

# Armed aerial scout still a valid requirement for the Army

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Despite canceling its quest for an armed aerial scout (AAS) aircraft, a replacement for the OH-58 Kiowa, an Army leader told Congress there’s still a valid need for that type of helicopter.

During a March 19 hearing before the House Armed Services Committee, the subcommittee on tactical air and land forces, Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, commander of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, said the Army still considers AAS a valid requirement.

“We made a fiscal decision, based on the original 40-percent cuts that came into the aviation modernization portfolio,” he said.

Currently, the Army plans to divest itself of the Kiowa, which had performed the armed reconnaissance helicopter mission. The Army deemed it too expensive to maintain the aircraft or upgrade it for the AAS mission through a service life extension program. Also too expensive was a replacement aircraft.

The Army now plans to use AH-64 Apache aircraft teamed with unmanned aerial systems to fill the role. But Lundy said that isn’t the end of the Army’s quest for a new AAS aircraft.

“Really, where we are taking that now is, as we go into future vertical lift (FVL): What is going to be the armored reconnaissance capability that we have in FVL? We are doing a number of analyses of alternatives associated with the armored reconnaissance variant. We’ve got the requirement already clearly identified for a conventional aircraft right now. We are looking again at FVL as being that next iteration of the armed scout,” Lundy told lawmakers. “If something materializes between now and then we are going to remain agile enough we can look at it. It is a valid requirement. But we are certainly going to be dependent on the fiscal constraints that we have.”

For those pilots making the transition from



Staff Sgt. Sean Everette, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICAKM — A 2-6th Cav. Regt., 25th CAB UH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter lands, here, Feb. 9. The Kiowas were recently shipped to the mainland and retired.**

Kiowa to Apache pilot, Lundy said the training is going well, and he said that the Army recently graduated three such pilots from training, and that two of those had done well enough to remain on at the schoolhouse as instructor pilots.

“I see no issues with the training,” Lundy said.

### Black Hawk modernization

Lundy also told lawmakers that the Army’s effort at modernization of the UH-60 Black Hawk is underway, and that it supports all components

of the Army.

As many as 600 UH-60A Black Hawks across the Army will be divested from the fleet by 2023, he said. Additionally, the Army is converting UH-60L Black Hawks to the UH-60V version, which includes a glass cockpit.

Fielding will happen between 2018-2032, he said. The majority of those will go into the National Guard and the Army Reserve. The Army continues to field the UH-60M model as well, and expects to finish by 2028.

# New threat center to integrate cyber intelligence

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DOD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — A new Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center is being created under the auspices of the director of National Intelligence.

The center will serve a similar function for cyber as the National Counterterrorism Center does for terrorism, Lisa Monaco, assistant to the president for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, said during a keynote speech recently at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The NCTC, established in 2004, puts into action a 9/11 Commission recommendation – to break “the older mold of national government organizations” and “be a center for joint operational planning and joint intelligence, staffed by personnel from the various agencies.”

“No single government entity,” Monaco said, “is responsible for producing coordinated cyber threat assessments, ensuring that information is shared rapidly among existing cyber centers and other (government) elements, and supporting the work of operators and policymakers with timely intelligence about the latest cyber threats and threat actors.”

### New center intended to fill gaps

The Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center, she added, is intended to fill these gaps, analyzing and integrating information

already collected under existing authorities, and is intended to enable centers that already perform cyber functions to do their jobs more effectively.

President Barack Obama’s new budget backs up the commitment to fight cyber threats with \$14 billion to protect critical infrastructure, government networks and other systems, Monaco said.

Safeguarding Americans online, she added, requires that the government work with the private sector “to enhance the security of what has become a vast cyber ecosystem.”

### A precondition of success

Though the private sector shouldn’t rely on the government to solve its cybersecurity problems, the government won’t leave the private sector to fend for itself, Monaco said, calling partnership a precondition of success.

“To the private sector, we’ve made it clear that we will work together,” she added. “We’re not going to bottle up our intelligence. If we have information about a significant threat to a business, we’re going to do our utmost to share it.”

Within 24 hours of learning about the Sony Pictures Entertainment attack, Monaco said, the U.S. government pushed out information and malware signatures to the private sector to update its cyber defenses.

“We want this flow of information to go both ways,” she said.

When companies share information about a major cyber intrusion or a potentially debilitating denial-of-service attack, they can expect government agencies to respond quickly, Monaco said, specifying that the government will do the following:

- Provide as much information as it can about the threat to help companies protect their networks and critical information;
- Coordinate a quick and unified response from government experts, including those at the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI;
- Look to determine who the actors are and hold them to account; and
- Bring to bear, as government experts respond to attacks, all the available tools and draw on the full range of government resources to disrupt threats.

### 21st-century cyber threats

“I want to commend companies that have shown strong leadership by coming forward as soon as they identify breaches and seek assistance, so we can work together and address threats more rapidly,” Monaco said. “Across the board, we’re tearing down silos, increasing communication and developing the flexibility and agility to respond to cyber threats of the 21st century, just as we have done in the counterterrorism world.”

Despite this progress, Monaco added, “It has become clear that we can do more as a government to quickly consolidate, analyze and provide assessments on fast-moving threats or attacks.”

During last month’s State of the Union address, Obama pledged that the government will integrate intelligence to combat cyber threats, just as it has to combat terrorism.

# Corps: Outreach events planned

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Regulatory is also in the process of scheduling STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outreach events for elementary and junior high students, partnering with the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources on a Hawaiian Fish Pond permitting guidance book, and planning outreach events to every county in Hawaii to meet with county Public Works Staff and others.

The USACE-HD Regulatory Program is committed to protecting the nation’s aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions.

The Corps evaluates permit applications for essentially all construction activities that occur in the nation’s waters, including wetlands.

### Upcoming

These events are happening soon:

•**April 15:** Regulatory presentation, Coral Reef Symposium, Guam.

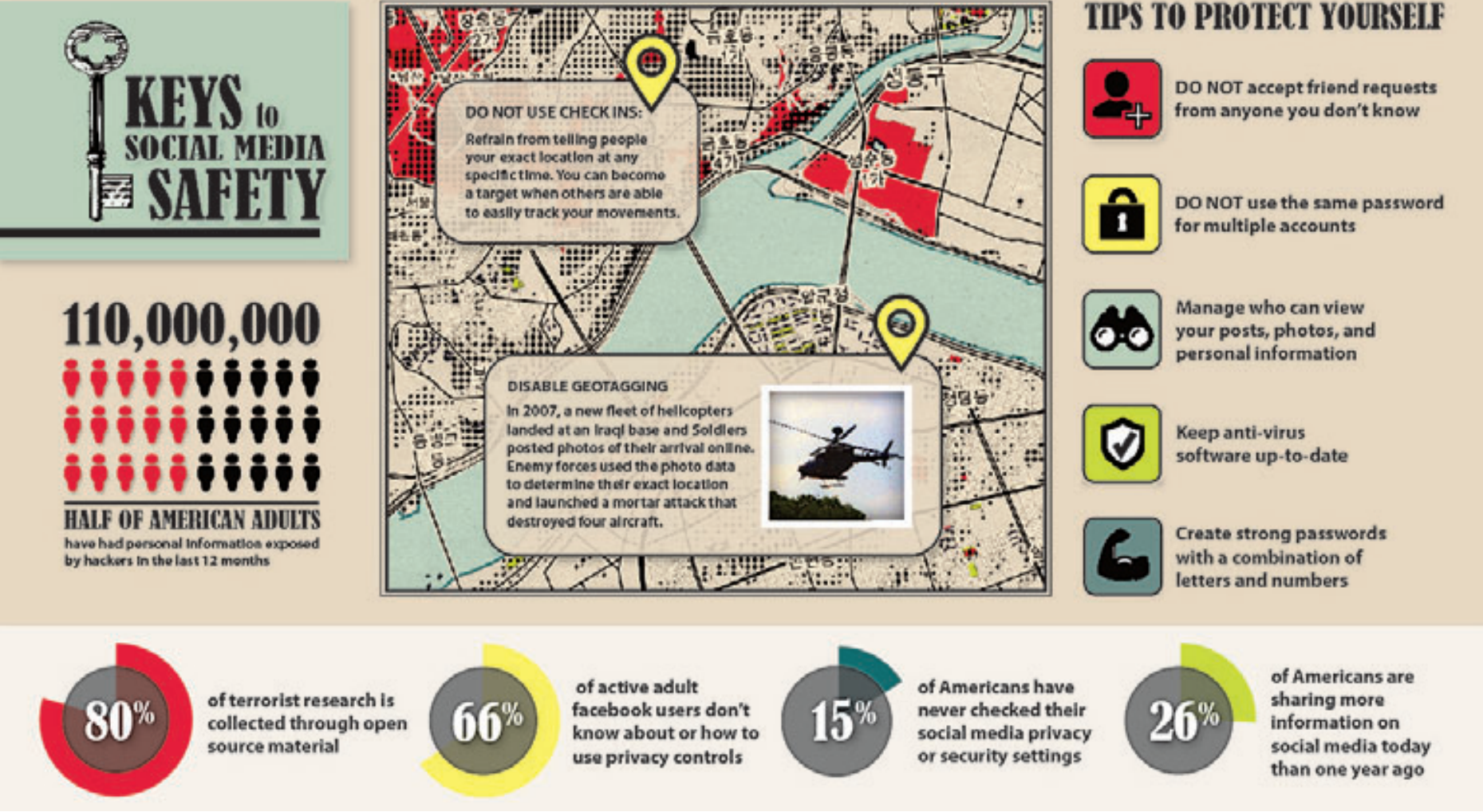
•**April 16:** Regulatory permitting process presentation, National Association of Environmental Professionals, Oahu.

For more information or to request a speaker, call the Regulatory Branch at 835-4303, or visit [www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx).





SOCIAL MEDIA



Graphic courtesy of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division

This infographic describes some keys to social media safety to help Soldiers and families practice safe social networking to protect themselves and the Army.



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to [news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

Today

**\$100 to \$100K** — April is Financial Literacy Month, the perfect time to re-evaluate your spending habits. How does \$100 become \$100,000? Time is your biggest ally when it comes to the growth of your savings.

The Thrift Savings Plan, a low-cost retirement plan for military and federal civilian employees, helps you do that. Ready to save? Here's how:

- 1. Sign** into myPay. Click "Traditional TSP and Roth TSP."
- 2. Decide** whether to make Roth or traditional contributions.
- 3. Choose** how much you'd like to save (10 percent, for example).
- 4. Click** "Save" at the bottom of the screen.

**VA Grants** — On Tuesday, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced nearly \$93 million in Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) new grants to help end veteran homelessness. The initiative targets 45,000 homeless and at-risk vets and families in high-need communities.

The grants will be distributed to 24 nonprofit agencies in 15 communities. These grants will provide additional resources to the fourth year operations of the SSVF program.

Visit [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp).

Also, the VA is issuing a Notice of Funding Availability for up to \$8 million in grants for fiscal year 2015 to provide adaptive sports opportunities for disabled veterans service members throughout fiscal year 2016.

Grants are available to non-federal entities with experience in managing a large-scale adaptive sports program for persons with certain disabilities. The grants call for planning, developing, and managing and implementing appropriate adaptive sports activities.

Recipients may use grants for training, program development, coaching, sports equipment, supplies, program evaluation and other activities related to program implementation and operation. The deadline to apply is May 26.

Visit [www.grants.gov/viewopportunity.html?oppld=275304](http://www.grants.gov/viewopportunity.html?oppld=275304). Additional details are posted on the VA Adaptive

Sports website at [www.va.gov/adaptivesports/va\\_grant\\_program.asp](http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/va_grant_program.asp).

**Going Vertical** — As the Army, supported by NASA and the Navy, develops a new fleet of joint aircraft, it has the opportunity to cost-effectively leverage advanced commercial electronics and integration technologies. Army rotorcraft of the future will depend on the imagination and engineering prowess of scientists, researchers and aviators at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Center. Learn more at [www.army.mil/article/143423](http://www.army.mil/article/143423).

**7 / Tuesday**  
**Strategy Conference** — Participate virtually in the Army's conference for a fresh look at the fundamentals of defense in the 21st century. The Army Strategy Conference is a two-and-half day virtual conference for worldwide participation. Visit [www.carlisle.army.mil](http://www.carlisle.army.mil).

**17 / Friday**  
**Graduation Day** — The first graduation ceremony of the Hawaii Veterans Treatment Court is at 2 p.m. at the State Supreme Court (behind the King Kamehameha statue), 2nd Floor, Aliiolani Hale, 417 S. King St., Honolulu. Call 539-4133.

**20 / Monday**  
**Winging it** — Wheeler's Wings of Lightning dining facility reopens today; until then, food is being served out of Hangar 111. Hours of operation remain the same.

**29 / Wednesday**  
**Denim Day** — Personnel are encouraged to wear denim jeans and a "Take A **STAND!**" T-shirt on April 29 and Fridays in April to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Visit [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil) or [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil) for more details.

Need to talk to someone? Call 1-877-995-5247.

**30 / Thursday**  
**PrepareAthon** — Despite multiple campaigns and awareness efforts, a large percentage of Americans have not performed preparedness actions to increase their personal safety in the event of a disaster or emergency. "America's PrepareAthon" builds on the FEMA Ready Program by adding a focused national call to action for individuals and organizations to take simple, specific actions to increase their preparedness for a potential disaster. Visit [www.chcoc.gov/transmittals/TransmittalDetails.aspx?TransmittalID=6694](http://www.chcoc.gov/transmittals/TransmittalDetails.aspx?TransmittalID=6694) and [www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/).

**E Malama Ola** — Attend the annual Prevent Suicide

Hawaii Conference, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Marriott Waikoloa Beach Resort. Email [safeinhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:safeinhawaii@gmail.com).

**May 4 / Monday**  
**Fatal Falls** — Prevent falls in construction by gaining awareness. Falls are a leading cause of death for construction workers. Visit [www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html) to learn more about OSHA's National Safety Stand-Down for today and May 5.

**15 / Friday**  
**End of AER** — Today marks the conclusion of the 2015 Army Emergency Relief campaign "Making a Difference." Donation forms are available at the Schofield Barracks Army Community Service or at any Community Readiness Expo held at the Nehelani on Thursdays. Return completed donation forms to ACS. Call 655-7132 or visit [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) to make an online donation.

**June 8 / Monday**  
**Dedication** — The 19th Military Police Battalion (CID) hosts a building dedication at 2 p.m. at its new headquarters at 1045 Kelly Road, Bldg. 1411, in the newly constructed facilities at South Range, Schofield Barracks. Call 656-3455.



**Today**  
**Rainbow Village** — A water outage is scheduled at Tripler Army Medical Center, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., affecting the following facilities: Army Hotel buildings 220, 222, and 228; Bldg. 215; Craig Road NCO Family Housing; Fisher Houses 317 and 318; Fire Station 320; gym/pool recreational center 300 and 301; and the trailer complex at the corner of Krukowski and Patterson.

This is a one-time outage required to tie the existing water lines on Jarrett-White and Krukowski roads into the new water utility infrastructure at Rainbow Village. After this tie-in, no further water outages are scheduled for TAMC.



Courtesy photo

**Rainbow Village water outage areas.**

**Stream & Bridge** — Intermittent, one-hour, full-bridge closures of Stream Road on Fort Shafter will occur 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Traffic Report lists roadwork, construction, water or power outages, and noise advisories from the Army and the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). Visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm). Unless specified, all area codes are 808.

The road will be closed in both directions, from the intersection of Stream and Loop roads to the intersection of Stream and Kahauiki Stream Bridge. The primary detour for the Stream Road Closure will be Mokumoa Street.

**Electrical Outage** — All of Fort Shafter Flats will see a scheduled outage, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**13 / Monday**  
**Lilienthal Closures** — There will be full road closures on Wheeler Army Airfield's Lilienthal Road in the housing area. The road closures will be performed in four phases, with each phase closing the road section 24/7 for the days listed:

- Step 1**, April 13-17;
- Step 2**, April 20-24;
- Step 3**, April 27-May 1, and;
- Step 4**, May 4-8.

**18 / Saturday**  
**Schofield Outage** — Proposed full power outages are scheduled for 8-10 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

**Wheeler Outage** — Wheeler Army Airfield will experience two outages. The first is 7-7:30 a.m.; the second 4:15-4:45 p.m.



# Believing, assisting sexual assault victims is important

In part one of two, the listener learns to hear, move forward for the victim

**LISA CHARLES**  
SHARP Program Manager  
U.S. Army-Hawaii

*“You don’t look like you’ve been sexually assaulted.”*  
*“Are you sure he did that to you?”*  
*“Are you saying this, so you can get out of working?”*  
*“You’re going to ruin his/her career. Do you really want to go through with this?”*  
*“If you were sexually assaulted, why can’t you remember any of the details?”*

The types of questions, above, among many others, have routinely plagued sexual assault victims after they have found the courage to come forward and confide to someone they trust about the crime committed against them.

The line of questioning, above, however, only serves to marginalize the offense, support

the offender and cast judgment or doubt on the victim, even before the facts of the case are established.

These questions are the ammunition for a character assassination against the victim, whether by a supervisor, significant other, friend, leader or peer and are tantamount to re-victimization. Any line of questioning that casts doubt on the victim prematurely and based on false pretenses has significant adverse affects on the healing process as well as the investigation and adjudication process.

When a victim of sexual assault musters the courage to tell anyone about an intimately painful experience, at the very least, he or she deserves to feel credible. To that end, Soldiers at all levels must put aside their own biases, even if they think the victim’s allegations seem improbable. They must reassure the victims that



their claim has merit, and is worth the time and effort to fully investigate to ensure justice and obtain victim services.

For victims, knowing that someone believes them will drive whether they can start the healing process to lead them toward recovery. If someone confides in you, the first order of business should always be to ensure that person’s safety, not to question the validity of the allegations.

The next step is to refer the matter to trained professionals who understand the nuances of victimology and physical and psychological trauma. Find the nearest sexual assault response coordinator or victim advocate to start the process of securing assistance for the victim.

Throughout this entire process, the victim must feel believed, and credibility should never come into question by their confidant. The facts, as they unfold through the investigative process,

will speak for themselves.

Only the proper authorities can effectively determine the facts of a case and present those facts to the adjudication authority. Aside from that, anyone with knowledge of the victim or the allegations must keep an open mind and put aside their prejudices.

*(Editor’s note: Read part two of this story in the April 10 issue of the Hawaii Army Weekly.)*

**Hotline**

To reach the USARHAW SHARP 24-hour hotline where credentialed personnel can provide immediate assistance, call 655-9474 or visit the USARHAW SHARP Resource Center, Bldg. 692, 3585 McCornack Road, Schofield Barracks. To reach the 24/7 DOD Safe Helpline, call toll free to 877-995-5247.

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# Hawaii’s own 522nd Artillery Bn. helped to liberate Dachau

Two survivors will speak at Holocaust Remembrance

**NEWS RELEASE**

HONOLULU — Seventy years ago, the 522nd Artillery Battalion, part of Hawaii’s famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, liberated Dachau concentration camp, Nazi Germany’s first death camp that opened in 1933.

The camp served as a model for all later concentration camps and as a school of violence for the SS men under whose command it stood.

It is estimated that a total of 11 million people, including 6 million Jews, were killed during the Holocaust, a systematic, organized persecution of Jewish and other targeted people.

On Sunday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m., two surviving Soldiers from the 522nd, Masayuki Higa and Joe Obayashi, along with Phyllis Hironaka (whose father served with the battalion), will be guest speakers at the Holocaust Remembrance Service at Temple Emanu-El, 2550 Pali Hwy., at Jack Lane.

Their recollection of liberating the camp in 1945 reminds us that one of the darkest periods of terror in human history happened just a short



Courtesy photo

**DACHAU, Germany — Once the administration building for the Nazi’s prototype concentration camp, now the building, above, is open to visitors who come to Dachau to remember the Holocaust.**

time ago.

The remembrance is free and open to the public. Representatives from Jewish congregations and organizations across Oahu, as well as clergy of other faiths and political representatives, including Gov. David Ige and Mayor Kirk Caldwell, will light memorial candles at the event.

The City and County of Honolulu has proclaimed April as Holocaust Remembrance Month and the State of Hawaii has proclaimed April 12th, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Observation of both events is to remember

the darkest of times and to emphasize the positive lessons to be gained from this horrific period and apply these lessons to create communities of respect rather than division.

The ceremony at Temple Emanu-El honors the memories of the six million Jews and millions of non-Jews murdered during the Holocaust.

“In Judaism, when someone’s parent, spouse, sibling or child dies, it is traditional for that person to recite the Mourner’s Kaddish in order to add merit to his/her loved one in the eyes of God,” said Spiritual Leader Ken Aronowitz. “Because entire families were murdered during the Holocaust, there were no surviving family members to say Kaddish, which is why the entire community will do so at our Holocaust Remembrance Service. Every man, woman and child murdered by the Nazis deserves this and should never be forgotten.”

**More Information**

Get more details by calling 595-7521 or visiting [www.shaloha.com](http://www.shaloha.com).





"When work is finished."



## Month of the MILITARY CHILD

Jack Wiers, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

Participants share a horse-drawn carriage ride around 25th Infantry Division Headquarters during the 2014 U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Fun Fest. The Easter weekend event attracted more than 3,000 Soldiers and family members.

# Saturday's Fun Fest set to engage, entertain keiki

**KAREN A. IWAMOTO**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 2015 Fun Fest, Earth Day and Leisure Travel Service Travel Fair have something for everyone.

The family-friendly events celebrate three important occasions in April: Easter, Earth Day and the Month of the Military Child.

It runs from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, at Weyand Field on Schofield Barracks.

can redeem for a larger prize, according to Deanna Lein, special events coordinator for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Food trucks from Wing Hut, Flo's Kitchen, Ohana Espresso, Off the Grid, Charlie's, Flavor of the World, and Island Finest Shave Ice will serve up everything from Filipino food and chicken wings to lemonade and smoothies.

There will also be games, rides and craft booths.

"It's a not-to-miss family event with great entertainment," Lein said.

**Online photo opps**

As in previous years, children will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Easter bunny from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The photos will be made available on the DFMWR Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/fmwr.hawaii](http://www.facebook.com/fmwr.hawaii).



Map courtesy of Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**Fun Fest features a variety of activities, food trucks and Earth Day displays for the entire family. (Map is subject to change.)**

Visitors may also immerse themselves in hands-on activities, such as drawing petroglyphs, building stone tools and contributing to a collective Earth Month-themed mural canvas painting.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will have its own exhibit featuring a tornado box and a video display.

See FUN FEST B-5

# Proclamation and pinwheels pledge child abuse awareness

**FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**  
Army Community Service

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPM).

In order to bring attention to the national child abuse epidemic and challenge members of our own community to do their part to prevent child abuse, leaders, here, and community members came together Wednesday at the annual Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation-signing and Pinwheels for Prevention parade.

Approximately 200 children participated in the pinwheel parade following the proclamation signing.

**FAP, Army initiative**

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP), a part of Army Community Service and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hosted the event that served as the official kickoff to CAPM at the Schofield Barracks Child Development Center on McMahon Road.

Garrison Commander Col. Richard A. Fromm signed the proclamation prior to Wednesday's ceremony, declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, emphasizing the CAPM campaign theme for 2015: "Children Deserve to be Protected. Know the Warning Signs. Help Stop Abuse Before it Happens."

Every Soldier, employee and member of the military community is expected to report information about known or suspected cases of spouse and child abuse to the Military Police, Directorate of Emergency Services, as soon as the information is received.

"Our Family Advocacy Program is committed to teaching our community about the common signs of abuse," said Fromm, "and what you can do to intervene, so you can directly impact a child's life."

Pinwheels serve as a reminder of the wonderful liveliness and spirit found in children, the spirit that everyone has a duty to protect and preserve.



Photos by Stephanie Sullivan, Army Community Service

**Michael Amarosa, acting deputy garrison commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, signs a proclamation declaring April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month, Wednesday, at the Schofield Child Development Center. Community leaders, including members of the Federal Fire Department, Directorate of Emergency Services and garrison command, participated.**

efforts, child abuse and neglect continue to occur, thus undermining family readiness and Army core values.

Cindy Morita, FAP manager, said she encourages Soldiers and their families to participate in the garrison's CAPM activities. Participation not only helps raise community awareness, but also encourages families to utilize support services that are designed to build strong, healthy families.

**About FAP**

During April and throughout the year, various workshops on parenting, relationships and healthy living are offered through the Family Advocacy Program. Some provide access to free child care.

See KEIKI B-3



**Children participate in the Pinwheels for Prevention Parade to commemorate April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pinwheels represent the liveliness and spirit found in children.**

### CAPM events

Community events and activities continue throughout April. Blue pinwheels will be displayed in various locations or planted in "pinwheel gardens" at all Army installations and communities island-wide.

FAP, ACS and other agencies, invite members of the Army community to the following events:

- **April 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**, Family Story Time, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. It's in partnership with the parenting resource "Parents and Children Together" (PACT), a leading private, nonprofit resource created to promote



**Keiki plant pinwheels in the CDC centers "Pinwheel garden."**

healthy families.

- **April 25**, Teddy Bear Drive and Resource Fair at Windward Mall, sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, 41-056 Kamehameha Hwy. in Kaneohe.
- Throughout the month of April, outreach tables featuring educational material will be stationed at various locations (including at the Earth Day Celebration at Kalakaua Community Center on April 22).
- Pinwheel gardens will be planted at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, as well as at all Army child development centers across the island.

**The challenge of stopping abuse**  
Despite extensive and ongoing prevention





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Today

**Softball Signup** — The USAG-HI Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office is accepting completed applications for eligible units for men's and women's softball league play now through no later than 4 p.m., April 24.

Softball season runs from May 11-Aug. 28 at FS and SB. Visit [www.himwr.com](http://www.himwr.com); call 438-9572 (FS) or 655-0856 (SB). Completed applications can be faxed to 655-8012.

4 / Saturday

**Ladies Golf Clinic** — Make an appointment and a PGA professional will show you that you can play golf. This free clinic is held by appointment only, for 30 minutes. Call 655-4653.

5 / Sunday

**Pottery Wheel Throwing** — Create a beautiful vase or decorative bowl at the pottery wheel throwing sessions at the SB Arts & Crafts Center, Sundays, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. Call 655-4202.

6 / Monday

**First Termers Financial Training** — This ACS Financial Resilience Center workshop focuses on basic financial skills to help develop self-reliance and personal responsibility designed to help understand personal finances while learning tools for financial success.

This is a mandatory program of instruction for first-term Soldiers, offered every Monday (except federal holidays), 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at SB Bldg. 647. Soldiers must bring an end of month LES.

A certificate is awarded to each participant who completes the eight hours of instruction. Call 655-1866.

**Workweek Lunch** — Enjoy lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m for only \$10.95/per person at SB's Kolekole Bar & Grill and FS's Mulligan's Bar & Grill. Order off the menu or help yourself to the multi-item buffet. Call 655-4466 (SB) or 438-1974 (FS).

Review menus at [www.himwr.com/dining/kolekole-bar-a-grill/kolekole-lunch-buffet](http://www.himwr.com/dining/kolekole-bar-a-grill/kolekole-lunch-buffet) and [www.himwr.com/dining/hale-ike-na/hale-ikena-lunch-buffet-menu](http://www.himwr.com/dining/hale-ike-na/hale-ikena-lunch-buffet-menu) for the week's current lunch specials.

7 / Tuesday

**Cooking Club for Teens** — The FS Teen Lounge is looking for teens who enjoy cooking, want to learn new recipes, want to participate in food

AVIATION MUSEUM EXHIBIT



Courtesy Pacific Aviation Museum

**FORD ISLAND** — The National Memories traveling exhibit is currently on display at the Pacific Aviation Museum, here. View more than 100 historical photos taken by the 164th U.S. Signal Photo Company in the China Burma India Theater and learn about the little-known camaraderie between Chinese and U.S. Soldiers during World War II.

Visit [www.pacificaviationmuseum.org](http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org) to purchase tickets. Call 441-1007 or email [education@pacificaviationmuseum.org](mailto:education@pacificaviationmuseum.org) to learn more. The museum (below) is located on historic Ford Island.



tours and shows, and want to earn cooking award points towards reward excursions. The cooking club meets every Wednesday, 3-4 p.m. Call the teen manager at 438-6470.

**Mexican Cuisine Lunch Buffet** — New Tuesday buffet, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at FS Hale Ikena. Features beef tacos w/fixings, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, buttered corn, soup and salad for \$10.95. Call 438-1974.

**Quilting & Sewing Workshops** — Learn how to make quilts. Enjoy quality time with others at the quilting and sewing sessions, Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m., at the SB Arts & Crafts Center. Call 655-4202.

8 / Wednesday

**BOSS** — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are highly encouraged to attend Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every

Wednesday of the month to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Get involved and make a difference.

•North meetings are held at SB Tropics, at 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

•South meetings are held at FS Bowling Center at 10 a.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Call 655-1130.

**Teen Manga Club** — SB Sgt. Yano Library Teen Manga Club offers a Manga fix with the regularly scheduled Teen Manga Club, 3-3:45 p.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Members talk about how to improve the manga collection, share artwork and other activities. Open to children ages 12-17.

9 / Thursday

**Breakfast Specials** — FS Hale Ikena is now serving breakfast, the most important meal of the day. Start

your day with a delectable breakfast special at the Hale Ikena. Serving times are Thursday-Sunday at 7 a.m. Call 438-1974.

**Tropical Thursdays** — Join the SB Tropics Recreation Center every Thursday for Texas Hold'em. The fun starts at 6 p.m. A free weekly tournament (with no buy in) lets you test your skills against the best of the best Army players around. All ID card-holders 18 and older are welcome.

Don't have a poker face? Come enjoy the tropical atmosphere and featured menu items. Call 655-5698.

Ongoing

**CYS Services School Liaison Office** — The USAG-HI School Liaison Office has opened an office at AMR, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, in Bldg. 1782, next to the SKIES studio.

Community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

Today

**JROTC Medal Presenters Sought** — Seeking active/Reserve officers from all of the uniformed services to serve as volunteer medal presenters for the 2015 Hawaii JROTC awards ceremonies, April 16-May 20. They're usually held on high school grounds or community centers in the evening hours after school is out.

Seeking officers "to give back to their community" by honoring those cadets at the top of their class. Contact retired Col. Arthur Tulak at [Hawaii@mofwus.org](mailto:Hawaii@mofwus.org) or call 477-8195 during duty hours.

**First Friday Street Festival** — Honolulu Chinatown and the art district area nightlife comes alive every first Friday of the month, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., with entertainment, food and activities. Sponsored by Arts District Merchant Association. Call 521-1812; visit [www.artsdistricthonolulu.com](http://www.artsdistricthonolulu.com).

4 / Saturday

**Rell Sunn Menehune Surf**

**Contest** — The 39th annual keiki (ages 4-13) surfing event begins at 7 a.m. in Makaka, with proceeds going to cancer research and the Rell Sunn Educational Fund. Competition ends Sunday at 5 p.m. Visit [www.rellsunn.com/rell\\_sunn/menehune.htm](http://www.rellsunn.com/rell_sunn/menehune.htm).

**Bellows Easter Egg Hunt** — Easter Egg-stravaganza begins at 9 a.m., Turtle Cove, Bellows Air Force Station. Open to active duty military, retirees, reservists, National Guard, current/retired DOD civilian employees with an authorized ID card and their families. Call 259-4112.

**Kapolei Easter Egg Hunt** — Free event for kids ages 2-10, April 4th, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Kapolei Commons, on the left at the entrance to Kapolei. Will have 7,500 eggs, free photos with the Easter bunny and Miss Kitty, live entertainment, carnival games with prizes, face painting, live entertainment and balloon animals.

7 / Tuesday

**Shafter Housing Services** — New Soldier and family in-processing briefings begin 9 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, through April 30. The Housing Services Office is at 111 7th St., Bldg. 1004, FS. Limit of 15 Sol-

diers per briefing. Contact Pam Hirota at 438-1518.

8 / Wednesday

**Family Night** — SB weekly family gathering begins at 5:30 p.m. and is located at the Main Post Chapel. Sessions follow from 6:10-7:30 p.m. Child care is provided.

Some of the classes offered include Financial Peace University, Healthy Living, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families.

Contact at SB is Deborah McSwain, director of Religious Education, at 655-9198. At AMR Chapel, call 839-4319.

11 / Saturday

**Bishop Museum Free Day** — Learn to get healthy and fit at the 7th Annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Bishop Museum. Admission is free for kama'aina and military families with a valid ID and also includes free entry into the Bishop Museum's exhibits, Watumull Planetarium and its new traveling exhibit "Dinosaurs Unleashed."

The event features food, prize giveaways and more than 30 exhibitors highlighting the importance of physical activity, healthy lifestyle choices and active play through fun, engaging and creative activities. Call 531-YMCA (9622) or visit [www.ymca.honolulu.org](http://www.ymca.honolulu.org).

Holy Week, Easter Services

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The community is invited to the following Easter celebrations.

- April 3, Good Friday
  - † Catholic Stations of the Cross, 12 p.m., Schofield Main Post Chapel Lanai
  - † Catholic Good Friday Service, 2 p.m., MPC, SB
  - † Good Friday Service, 3 April, 5:30 p.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation
  - † Protestant Good Friday Service, 7 p.m., at AMR
- April 3, Passover
  - † Passover Seder, 6 p.m., Hale Koa Hotel
- April 5, Easter Sunday
  - † Bus leaves at 5:30 a.m. from MPC, SB, to go to USS Missouri
  - † Protestant Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., at USS Missouri
  - † Easter Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m. at AMR
  - † Easter Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. at MPC, SB

worship Services

Additional religious services, children's programs, educational services and contact information can be found at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil). (Click on "Religious Support Office" under the "Directorates and Support Staff" menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers' Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
  - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
  - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
  - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers' Chapel and 12 p.m., TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler Annex

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
  - 9 a.m. at MPC
  - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
  - 10 a.m. at HMR
  - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
  - 11:30 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
  - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)
- Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF

This Week at the

MOVIES

Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to [aafes.com](http://aafes.com) under realtime movie listing.



Focus

(R)  
Fri., April 3, 7 p.m.

Spongebob Squarepants Movie: Sponge Out of Water

(PG)  
Sat., April 4, 4 p.m.  
Sun., April 5, 2 p.m.



The Duff

(PG-13)  
Sat., April 4, 7 p.m.

Spare Parts

(PG-13)  
Thurs., April 9, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations			
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command	ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA	Recreation	SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division	BCT: Brigade Combat Team	FRG: Family Readiness Group	TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
ACS: Army Community Service	BSB: Brigade Support Battalion	FS: Fort Shafter	USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan	Co.: Company	HMR: Helemano Military Reservation	USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
AFTB: Army Family Team Building	CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services	IPC: Island Palm Communities	WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation	EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program	PFC: Physical Fitness Center	
	FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and	SB: Schofield Barracks	



# Community urged to do its part to end sexual assault

Story and photos by  
**KAREN A. IWAMOTO**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), an occasion recognized across the country.

This year, U.S. Army Hawaii is encouraging its community to adhere to the Department of Defense theme and “Eliminate Sexual Assault-Know Your Part, Do Your Part!”

Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, senior commander of U.S. Army Hawaii and commander of the 25th Infantry Division, delivered a keynote speech and signed a proclamation declaring April to be SAAPM at the USARHAW Sexual Harassment Awareness Resistance and Prevention (SHARP) Resource Center, Wednesday.

“Sexual assault is a threat to the Army’s core values,” Flynn said. “Soldiers are not the only victims; the community is also a victim.”

He praised the efforts put forth by the Army’s commanders and command sergeants major to address this issue, saying that the strides the Army has made could not have been done without their proactive involvement.

As the Army continues to do its part to eliminate sexual assault, the community will feel safer, said Flynn.

**SAAPM Events**

The following take place in April:

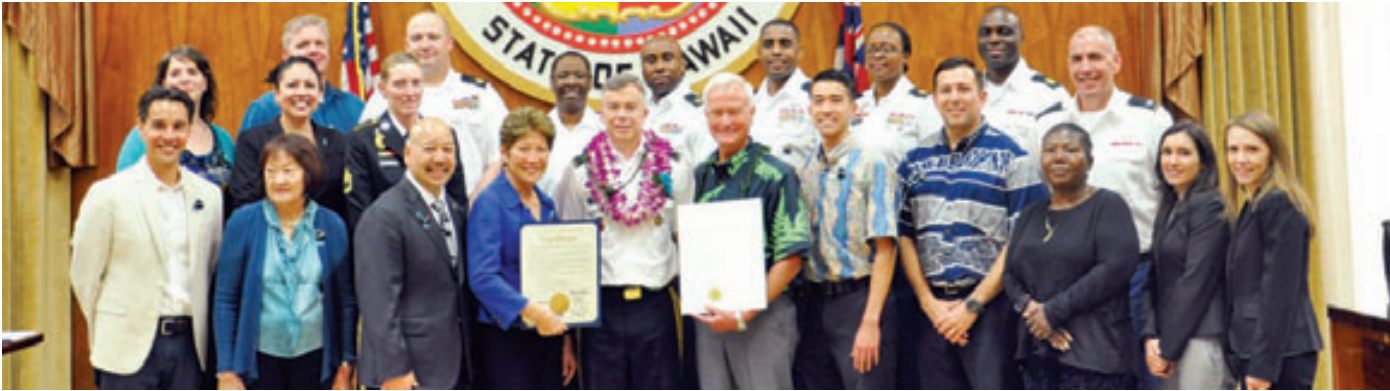
- Tuesdays**, civilians and family members are encouraged to wear teal clothing throughout April.
- Ongoing**, the USAG-HI 30-day photo challenge is designed to get the community to spread the message of sexual assault awareness and prevention. Visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/takeastand/](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/takeastand/) for instructions.
- Ongoing**, the 9th Mission Support Command Poster Challenge encourages individuals to create a SHARP poster. The winner will be announced on April 25.



**Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, USARHAW senior commander and commander 25th ID, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Jones, 25th ID senior enlisted adviser, tie a teal ribbon to a pole at the USARHAW SHARP Resource Center, Wednesday. The color teal shows support for and honors victims and survivors of sexual assault.**

Lisa Charles, USARHAW SHARP program manager, encouraged the community to participate in as many SAAPM events as possible.

“Even if (you) may not know much about the issue, yet, come out and learn about it,” she said.



**HONOLULU — Brig. Gen. Bryan Fenton (center, wearing lei), 25th ID deputy commanding general-operations, and service members and employees from Tripler Army Medical Center and USARHAW’s SHARP program, meet with Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell(center, right), and members of the City Council to support the city’s proclamation-signing ceremony, here, March 25. Caldwell declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.**

## Keiki: ACS’s Family Assistance Program assists, educates and treats abuse

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FAP is dedicated to the prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention and treatment of spouse and child abuse. The program provides a variety of services to Soldiers and families to enhance their relationship skills and improve their quality of life.

One key prevention program, the New Parent Support Program (NPSP), offers convenient home-visits to provide education, support and resources to Army families expecting a new child or with a child under 3.

Designed to promote healthy, caring relationships between parents and their children, the program utilizes the most modern

parenting techniques and tailors them specifically to the unique challenges faced by Army families.

This mission is accomplished through a variety of groups, seminars, workshops and counseling and intervention services.

(Note: ACS is part of the DFMWR, U.S. Army-Garrison Hawaii.)

**Contact ACS**

For more information or to access the services offered through the Family Advocacy Program, call (808) 655-4ACS (4227) or visit [www.himwr/acs.com](http://www.himwr/acs.com).



# Red Cross supports 9th Mission Support Command

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9th Mission Support Command

PUERTO RICO, Saipan — Since its inception in 1882, the American Red Cross has always had close ties to the U.S. military.

More than a century later, those ties continue to echo through the spirit of the volunteers and donors who support ARC and its mission in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Red Cross’s Northern Mariana Islands Chapter showed its support for the troops, March 21, by choosing vintage olive green as its official shirt color this year during its annual walkathon event.

“This year we chose this color to show our support for the troops who are out there protecting our country,” said John Hirsh, the NMI Chapter executive director. “It is our way of showing our commitment to the military and their families.”

Red Cross’s 10K walking event attracted more than 2,000 participants from public and private schools, as well as local government and private agencies. Every participant who pledged \$20 or more received a military green shirt along with other incentives.

**9th MSC support**  
At the request of ARC, Soldiers with the 302nd Quartermaster Company, Detachment



**Student and adult walkers show their support for the troops with a big “hooah” at the 29th annual American Red Cross Walkathon on Saturday, March 21, in Susupe, Saipan. U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers with 302nd QM Co., Det. 1, 9th MSC, provided support for the event.**

1, 9th MSC, supported the event by showcasing a military Humvee during the “Big Truck Show.” Student and adult walkers had the chance to get behind the driver’s seat and experience a Soldier’s life behind the wheel.

Sgt. Charles Nicholas, a Soldier with the 302nd, was among the Soldiers who provided

support for the half-day event.

“A lot of the students seemed excited to see us here,” Nicholas said. “Some people wanted to put on our Army helmet and get in the vehicle. Others just wanted to say thank you.”

Nicholas, like other service members and veterans there that day, was moved by the ges-

ture of the shirt color and people.

“We are happy to be here to support the walkathon,” said Nicholas. “Red Cross has always been there to support the Soldiers and our families. I feel proud today seeing thousands of people wearing the green shirts.”

One week prior to the walkathon, the NMI fell victim to Tropical Storm Bavi. According to Hirsh, the storm destroyed about 70 homes and left many families to seek refuge at emergency shelters.

The local chapter’s walkathon and Club 200, its signature fundraising event, raise critically needed funds to support ARC’s humanitarian mission locally, nationally and globally.

“Our primary mission at the Red Cross is to provide humanitarian aid to people affected by disasters, which is why this walkathon is very important,” Hirsh said. “Aside from disaster relief, we also support our community by training people in lifesaving skills, such as CPR and delivering emergency communication messages to service members around the world.”

The Red Cross is a global nonprofit organization driven by volunteerism and the generosity of donors.

“Without the students and adult walkers here, our chapter would not be able to operate,” Hirsh said. “Every year we are grateful and humbled by the support our community gives us.”

# SB clinic psychologist named Hawaii’s Irish Person of Year

**1ST LT. TIARA PADRON**  
U.S. Army Health Clinic-Schofield Barracks

HONOLULU — Dr. Lisa Gomes of U.S. Army Health Clinic-Schofield Barracks (USAHC-SB) has been selected as the 2015 Society of the Friends of St. Patrick of Hawaii Irish Person of the Year for her outstanding and selfless contribution to the local Celtic community with dance, song and musical performances.

The announcement came during the annual Irish Emerald Ball, held at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii’s Manoa Grand Ballroom, here, recently.

Gomes is heavily involved in the local Irish community and has played her fiddle for entertainment for years.

**Connecting with community**  
Gomes is a full-time employee at the USAHC-SB where she works as a clinical psychologist in the Child and Family Behavioral Health Services (CAFBHS) clinic.

Gomes believes that music and art are important in everyone’s well-being and medical state.

“Music is so important to having good mental health. In fact, being involved with any art



U.S. Army Health Clinic-Schofield Barracks

**The Society of the Friends of St. Patrick of Hawaii hosted its annual Emerald Ball at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii’s Manoa Grand Ballroom, recently, where Dr. Lisa Gomes (above) was named the 2015 Irish Person of the Year for contributions to the Irish community through song and dance.**

form heals us when we’re feeling stressed, puts things in perspective and helps connect us to our community,” she stated.

She also believes that her Behavioral Health patients at the clinic benefit by explor-

ing themselves through art.

“We do the same thing at the CAFBHS,” Gomes explained, “by using music, drawing and drama in play therapy with children and with adults.”

Gomes is a part-Irish musician who has been involved with Irish cultural arts in the

Hawaii community for over 30 years. She was inspired to play Irish music after her first trip to Ireland, while at a pub. Someone lent her a fiddle, and people cleared the tables and chairs, so they could dance while she played.  
*(Editor’s note: Read the entire story at [www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com](http://www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com).)*



# Fun Fest: Travel industry pitches a big tent as part of the annual festival

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**LTS Travel Fair**  
The LTS Travel Fair tent will connect families to entertainment and destination activities in the state, according to Joselynn Mitsuda, LTS program manager.  
More than 40 vendors, including representatives from hotels and tour companies will be in attendance.

To encourage attendees to visit the vendors, LTS will be holding drawings and giving away prizes, including a \$500 grand prize gift certificate that can be used toward a travel or leisure activity through LTS.  
“We want to encourage families to visit the vendors,” Mitsuda said. “A lot of families are

interested in doing things in Hawaii, whether it be staying at some of the hotels or attending a luau. (The festival) enables them to find out what is available.”  
She added that May is Military Appreciation Month, so many of the vendors will be offering promotional packages geared toward this.

While the emphasis of many of the vendors may be on family-friendly activities, there will also be activities for single Soldiers.  
“The single Soldiers tend to like a lot of adventure activities,” Mitsuda said, adding that representatives from Extreme Parasail and Pacific Watersports will also be there.

## Earth Month

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will be hosting its fourth annual Earth Month celebration.  
What began as a single day has evolved into a monthlong celebration with a wide variety of events for Soldiers and families to enjoy.

**April 4, 8-11:30 a.m.,**  
Pearl City Bike Path and Stream Clean-up, Waipahu. Organized by the 9th Mission Support Command as a kick off to Earth Month, volunteers are sought for this annual bike path clean up.  
Rally point is on Waipahu Depot Road, across from the Police Academy (look for tent), between Kapakahi Stream and Waipahu High School. Work will include picking up and throwing away trash and debris along the bike path and Pouhala Marsh. All participants must complete a release form prior to the event. Call 438-1600, ext. 3307.

**April 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Fun Fest and Earth Day 2014, Weyand Field. This collaboration between the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation features exhibitors, games, environmental learning activities and live entertainment.  
•**At 8:45 a.m.** Military Child Mile Fun Run to kick off the event; no registration required.  
•**At 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** Games, activities, rides, inflatables and pictures with the Easter bunny with egg hunts as follows: ages 2-4 at 11:30 a.m., ages 5-8 at 12 p.m., and ages 9-12 at 12:30 p.m.  
Enjoy entertainment provided by SKIES. Participate in “upcycling,” crafts and coloring activities, artifacts search, sustainability and natural resources educational activities. Dine on seven food truck options. Enter to win the Leisure, Travel and Services’ \$500 gift card. Call 655-0002 or visit himwr.com.

**April 22, 2-5 p.m.** Island Palm Communities and DPW Environmental Division team up on Earth Day at the Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks, for cool exhibits and fun activities while learning about the environment.  
Also, back by demand, is the Earth Day Passport Challenge.

**April 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
Pohakuloa Training Area is hosting an Earth Day event that is open to the public. It will showcase the work of the Natural Resources Office, the Cultural/Archaeological Resources Office and Fire/Emergency Services.  
Also, there will be a static display of military equipment. Call (808) 969-2403.

**April 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
The Fort Shafter Flats parade field will serve as the location for the Earth Day Festival, hosted by the 9th MSC and 9th Theater Support Groups’ DPW Environmental Division. Call 438-1600, extension 3307.